

Weather Forecast
Increasing cloudiness, continued warm, probably showers today and tonight; highest about 87; clearing tomorrow, much cooler tomorrow. Temperatures yesterday—Highest, 90; lowest, 60.
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Nazis Drive South, Greeks Admit, In Ceaseless Hammering at Lines; Barrage Breaks Up London Raid

Unending Waves Hit Defenses, Athens Says

By the Associated Press.

ATHENS, Greece, April 20 (Sunday).—The Greek high command announced early today that the Germans, hammering in unending waves at the British-Greek line, have "made a push toward the south."

This was the first indication from here in 24 hours that the Germans had gained ground, both British and Greek reports up to mid-afternoon yesterday saying the Allies were holding fast against the Nazi assaults.

Just where the German thrust was made or how far was not disclosed. (The Germans yesterday claimed the swastika had been hoisted over Mount Olympus and Larisa, important communications center 40 miles to the south.)

The seriousness of the Allied position was emphasized by the official announcement that Premier Alexander Korizis, whose death Friday went unexplained for 24 hours, committed suicide because of anguish over his country's unequal struggle with Germany and Italy.

Heavy Italian Casualties.
On the Albanian front, the high command said Greeks falling before the Italians had inflicted heavy casualties on the Fascists in rearward actions.

"Every time the enemy attempted to harass the movement of our units, they turned back and chased them," the communiqué said. The government spokesman said Greek artillery fire yesterday stopped an Italian attempt to approach the lines and that Italian forces moving toward Erseke-Andriko were dispersed. Some prisoners were taken also, he said.

German columns which penetrated Northern Greece from Bitolj (Monastir), Yugoslavia, were unable to advance yesterday from positions reached on Friday, the spokesman asserted.

Fight Another Verden.
The early British communiqué declared that British and Greek forces, fighting another Verden in the shadow of fabled Mount Olympus, maintained an unbroken line against assaults by wave upon wave of German units.

"Despite all efforts, our front nowhere has been penetrated," said a British communiqué issued here at 2:25 p.m. (7:25 a.m. E. S. T.). It added that severe losses had been inflicted on the Germans and that many prisoners had been taken. Other reports from the northern front—Greek as well as British—reaching Athens up to early afternoon indicated that the tightened Allied line was unchanged, its flanks unturned in the preceding 12 hours.

Mowed Down by Hundreds.

The British imperial forces were fighting shoulder to shoulder with the Greeks along the entire northern Greek front as waves of German infantry struggled up the rugged mountain sides in the face of the murderous Allied fire.

"We mow them down by the hundreds as they try to climb the steep mountain sides," said a military officer, "but as soon as one way is thrown back another pushes forward."

"Their losses are tremendous, unequalled, I believe, by anything they have suffered in the European war to date."

The Nazis are bringing up heavy guns, this informant said, to supplement the constant hammering of their Stukas, coming over 20 to 30 at a time.

R. A. F. Hammers Germans.
The British communiqué said the R. A. F. was giving the Germans a dose of their own medicine with heavy air assaults.

Unable to force the narrow passes with their panzer divisions, the Germans were said to be using infantry by the tens of thousands for the first time in the Balkan campaign.

Military experts in Berlin admitted that the use of panzer units was impossible in the passes in the Greek mountains, and that infantry had to fight a way through the difficult terrain with the assistance of dive-bombers.

"These frontal assaults show no change from World War tactics, when the Reichwehr attacked with wave after wave of solid lines of infantry," one officer just returned from the front said.

British officials related that "Austrian prisoners show especially low morale and complain of the violence of our air attacks on convoys and troops on the march."

Americans in Zagreb Are Reported Safe

By the Associated Press.

The State Department received word last night that all Americans in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, were safe as of noon on April 15.

A brief message to that effect, giving no names or other details, was received from the American Consul there, John James Melly of Philadelphia.

Premier Took Life in Anguish Over War, Greece Announces

Korizis Shot Himself At Home Friday, Athens Declares

By the Associated Press.

ATHENS, April 19.—Premier Alexander Korizis took his own life because of anguish over Greece's unequal struggle with Germany and Italy, it was announced officially tonight.

The 56-year-old premier, less than three months in office, shot himself yesterday at his home.

An announcement said: "Korizis, having had a nervous breakdown as the result of the strain and emotion of the unequal struggle which Greece is waging against an army of two empires, ended his life."

It was announced officially that King George II, reserving to himself for the time being the presidency of the Council of Ministers, had entrusted Gen. Alexander Mazarakis with formation of a new cabinet, which will have military character due to the war circumstances.

Text of Announcement.
The text of the latter announcement:

"During the afternoon the King completed talks for the formation

of a new government after receiving in audience and hearing the views of various personalities.

"The King, in view of the circumstances, reserved to himself for the time being the presidency of the

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British Press Drive On Axis in Africa With Troops, Planes

R. A. F. Damages Number Of Vehicles in Convoy Near Port of Salum

By the Associated Press.

CAIRO, April 19.—The strengthened Army of the Nile and the Royal Air Force pursued the offensive in North Africa tonight against Axis motorized forces which have come to a virtual standstill in their drive toward the Suez Canal.

In an engagement with an axis motor convoy near the Egyptian frontier port of Salum, a communiqué said, British mobile units aided by the R. A. F. damaged a number of vehicles, including an armored car, and unharmful units retreated at full speed.

(A British broadcast heard by C. B. S. in New York said "there are no reports from North Africa of any renewed effort on the part of the Germans to continue their push east of Tobruk.")

Reports from the Libyan front said British airmen constantly harassed the enemy in the Tobruk region.

In Cirenaica yesterday, a communiqué said, R. A. F. and Australian air units continuously attacked axis mechanized units and troop concentrations.

In East Africa the movement of British troops converging upon Dessie, Ethiopia, was slowed up somewhat by road damage, but to the south, the British said, the advance of other imperial forces was progressing satisfactorily and many additional prisoners were taken.

At the Komolcha airdrome, in Ethiopia, South African airforce fighters reported the destruction of seven Italian airplanes on the ground by machine-gun fire.

Lieutenants to Wed, But One's a Nurse

By the Associated Press.

FORT SHERIDAN, Ill., April 19.—First Lt. Rowe and Second Lt. Brown are getting married May 17—and to each other.

The romance began last January, when Miss Marie Irene Brown, 23, of Prairie Du Chien, Wis., reported for duty as a second lieutenant in the Nurses' Corps at the post hospital. There she met First Lt. William H. Rowe, 25, assigned to the recruit reception center.

They will be married in St. James' Church at Highwood, Ill.

Nazis Claim 73 Ships Sunk in Eight Days

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, April 20 (Sunday).—A tabulation by D.N.B. German official news agency, today indicated that the German air force in eight days, from April 11-18, sank merchant ships totaling 132,000 tons.

Twenty-five vessels were listed as destroyed near England and in the Mediterranean. An additional 48 ships were said to have been damaged, some so seriously that their total loss was probable.

Greek Easter Masses Cancelled Due to War

By the Associated Press.

ATHENS, April 19.—The blackout and war conditions tonight forced cancellation of traditional midnight Greek Orthodox Easter masses before thousands alone gathered before outdoor altars with lighted candles.

Instead, the Greeks waited for daylight to throng to churches and pray for victory for their troops.

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Few of Luftwaffe Craft Succeed in Dropping Bombs

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, April 20 (Sunday).—A furious barrage thrown up by London's anti-aircraft guns broke up German raiding formations over the capital early today and dulled the edge of a birthday blitz for Adolf Hitler.

The instant and effective response from anti-aircraft guns to the appearance of waves of raiders appeared to prevent the concentration of a sharp raid earlier in the night.

British shelling along the Thames Estuary broke up the raiders, forced others aside and permitted only a few to drop their flares and high explosives on the city.

It was reported other Nazi bombers were over the home counties and several German towns, but it appeared the main weight of the Luftwaffe's foray on Hitler's 52d birthday today was directed against London.

Attack From All Directions.

Despite the rising tempo of anti-aircraft fire and the dropping of twisting bombs over the city, the attack was nearer than not developed into the fury of the heaviest raid of all on London, carried out Wednesday night and Thursday morning.

The raid dwindled into attacks by single planes, broken up by the siren of the compass dropping bombs as they flew high and fast over the city. Finally even the lone planes stopped and the all clear was sounded around 5 a.m. (11 p.m. E. S. T.).

The Germans first roared on London from two directions early last night, scattering high explosives and incendiaries in many areas. But that attack was followed by a lull—believed due to a sudden and apparently temporary change in the weather.

At midnight, the Germans returned in force. Those planes filtering through the shell curtain hit a warden post, trapping several.

Between the boomings of the batteries of anti-aircraft guns in the first raid, the drone of approaching raiders could be heard. They sounded menacingly near the city.

Persons from various residential areas reported bombings, including some who were bombed out of their homes Wednesday night.

Many Flares Dropped.
The Germans dropped many flares. One observer said there seemed to be more than in any previous raid. They drifted down with agonizing slowness, while gunners tried to shoot them out of the sky.

While the raiders dived overhead with astonishing clearness, searchlight beams swept the skies in all directions, first individually and then converging suddenly.

Scattered observers reported the first stages of the attack as furious, but said after a while that it appeared to have spent itself, or, at least, lulled.

Among the first edifices damaged was one of the largest and most beautiful churches in London.

A stick of explosives dropped by a lone bomber broke the lull, but comparative quiet, broken only by occasional gunfire along the Thames Estuary, followed. Some German bombers wheeled about and fled when caught in the glare of searchlights.

Parliament Houses Damaged.
The House of Commons and the House of Lords, damaged in recent air raids, it was announced officially.

All the windows of the House of Commons library were destroyed, a large water tank was smashed and Nazi bombers ripped a hole in the roof over the members' lobby.

The Parliament buildings had suffered from a series of raids.

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Yugoslav Fighters At Ankara, Nazis Say

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, April 19.—A D.N.B. German official news agency, dispatch tonight from Ankara reported a plane bearing Yugoslav political fugitives had landed at the Turkish capital.

When the old Turkish Empire joined Germany in the World War, the British immediately took Basra with Indian troops, and won the aid, or at least the passivity, of the natives by pledging full respect for their liberty and religion.

The British then marched up the Tigris valley toward Baghdad, but the Turks stopped them at Kut, besieged them for nearly five months, and finally, after 24,000 British casualties, forced the remaining 9,000 to surrender.

The British threw in a new army which eventually took Baghdad and after an armistice, the oil center of Mosul, near the site of the old Assyrian capital of Nineveh.

\$1,300,510 for British Aid
NEW YORK, April 19 (AP).—Bundies for British aid, announced today, that \$1,300,510.73 in cash and goods had been sent for relief in Britain during the last four months.



News Note: All Germany Will Celebrate Hitler's Birthday Today, April 20

British Forces Land In Iraq to Forestall Axis Seizure of Land

By the Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, April 19.—Thanks to Secretary of State Hull, Mrs. Pierre B. Clemenceau, New Orleans born, completes her weary flight home from France next week, bringing her 8-month-old son, Paul, the great grandson of the late Premier Georges Clemenceau of France.

The former Jane Louise Grune-wald, married here in December, 1938, was living with her husband at Bordeaux when France fell. They fled to Marseille, then Dakar, and Mrs. Clemenceau made her way to Boloma, Portuguese Guinea. The trans-Atlantic Clipper stops there for fuel but not for passengers.

Friends appealed to Secretary Hull, who arranged for the clipper to pick up the wife and child on its next to last winter flight next Tuesday.

Although no official information has been given by White House spokesmen as to the nature of the discussions, a variety of emergency joint problems faces the two governments. Some of these are:

Canadian needs for financial aid, either through their participation in the benefits of the lease-lend formula, by direct cash advances for further purchasing in this country, or by a currency stabilization agreement. It is not unlikely that all of these possibilities may become actualities as the degree of American effort on behalf of the axis foes increases.

Greenland Defense an Issue.
Thus far Canada has been using her American credits for procurement here rather than obtaining material on the lease-lend basis. It is on this question of Canadian production and purchasing alone that Mr. Hopkins is expected to participate in tomorrow's consultation.

2. Steps to be taken for the defense of Greenland against possible Nazi raiding or efforts at occupation, and perhaps for use of the island as a trans-shipping point in the maintenance of a North Atlantic supply line between this continent and the British Isles.

Provisions of the agreement signed earlier this month by Secretary of State Hull and the Danish Minister in Washington specify that any or all American nations should have access to the island facilities.

Speculation on Iceland.
Recent speculation that the United States might extend its protective influence even to Iceland, now occupied by British and Canadian troops, lends weight to the possibility that this far northern route for trans-Atlantic shipping is to be further developed.

Protection of Greenland is of particular importance to Canada, a relatively short ocean jump from Newfoundland and the entrance of the St. Lawrence waterway.

3. Possible opening of the Canadian port of Halifax for American shipping, a step which would fit into this same North Atlantic supply route. Since Halifax is a belligerent port, however, any change in its proscribed status would require congressional sanction.

4. Progress of the St. Lawrence waterway and power development project, a long-term enterprise with the U. M. W.

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Four Leap to Safety As Freight Train Plows Into Another

Five Cars and Caboose Demolished in Crash Near Bladensburg

(Pictures on Page A-3.)

Four trainmen jumped to safety to escape with minor injuries last night when a Baltimore & Ohio freight train plowed into the rear of another freight after it had made an emergency stop near the Prince Georges sewage disposal plant between the River road and Defense Highway crossings just across the District Line.

The caboose and five cars of the first train, three of them tank cars, were demolished and so much oil spread along the right of way that fire engines were rushed from nearby Cottage City, Bladensburg and Hyattsville to guard against an outbreak of fire. Fires were quickly drawn in the wrecked locomotive.

J. A. Hooper, Baltimore, conductor of the first train, which had come to a sudden stop when the emergency brakes were applied, escaped injury by leaping from the caboose while he saw the locomotive plunging down upon him. The caboose was reduced to kindling.

Engineer M. L. Lambert of the second train, his fireman, E. T. Ambrose, and R. B. Cannon, a brakeman, jumped from their locomotive while he saw the locomotive plunging down upon him. The caboose was reduced to kindling.

Police said P. S. Losey, brakeman on the halted train, had gone back up the track and placed a lighted warning fuse, but it was too late to halt the 60-car train following.

Showers 'Likely' to Break Heat Wave This Afternoon

Prolongation of Washington's spring "heat wave," which resulted in two heat prostrations yesterday, was expected today to draw thousands to public parks and highways, particularly the Tidal Basin area where pink double cherry blossoms are in full bloom.

All Sunday leaves were cancelled in the ranks of Park Police to have available the entire force to handle anticipated parkway-choking traffic, and Metropolitan policemen were set for a busy day at downtown intersections and residential streets adjacent to park areas.

Ten extra park policemen were on duty on Tidal Basin roadways and other federally patrolled arteries last night as throngs of motorists visited cool park sections after a day of heat which drove the mercury up to a high of 89.8 degrees during the afternoon.

Continued warm weather, with a temperature high of 87 degrees, was forecast for the District today.

Labor Problems Bring Perkins, Roosevelt Pleas

Defense Need Cited In Moves in Coal, Shipping Industries

By the Associated Press.

BACKGROUND—
C. I. O. United Mine Workers and Northern soft coal operators reached accord on new contract, but union took position no mines should reopen until agreement is made with Southern operators. Latter bolted joint conference after refusing to agree to elimination of wage differential for their area. Meanwhile, Army warned later that prolongation of tie-up would entail sharp curtailment of steel production.

By the Associated Press.

President Roosevelt and his Secretary of Labor intervened, respectively, yesterday in labor relations problems of the shipbuilding and coal mining industries, both vital to national defense.

Secretary Perkins was rebuffed in a request for resumption of soft coal production from Northern mines next Tuesday.

The Chief Executive, at his Hyde Park (N. Y.) home, urged Pacific Coast shipyard managers and workers to ratify a coastwide master contract for wages. Such an agreement would be effective for the duration of the national emergency.

O. P. M. Originated Plan.
Through a secretary, Mr. Roosevelt said adoption of the plan—a proposal of the Office of Production Management—would result in speeding up the whole shipbuilding program and set a precedent for Eastern yards.

The secretary, William D. Hassett, said a tentative agreement had been reached, but that a "minority group in Seattle is attempting to block ratification."

At Seattle, a Machinists' Union leader said a "minority group" would attempt to block the agreement.

"The President means us, Local 79 of the Machinists' Union," commented I. A. Sandvigen, business agent of the A. F. L. group, "but it is not correct. True, we are voted against accepting the agreement, but it has always been the policy of Local 79 to go along with the majority. If the majority of local trades councils on the coast accept the agreement, so will we."

Plea Made to Coal Men.
Secretary Perkins appealed in the name of national defense for an end to the situation which has kept 400,000 soft coal miners idle while stocks of coal needed for defense industries are dwindling.

She asked Northern operators and the C. I. O. United Mine Workers of America—the two had come to a wage understanding in New York conferences—to resume production in Northern mines by next Tuesday. She asked Southern soft coal operators, who walked out of the general wage negotiations after a quarrel over North-South wage differentials, to undertake "further negotiations" with the U. M. W.

The Southern operators said they would resume negotiations but that they must be in Washington. U. M. W. President John L. Lewis said the miners would re-enter negotiations, but the meeting must be at New York, where resumption of negotiations was discussed with Northern operators.

Lewis Rejects Proposal.
Mr. Lewis turned down the Perkins proposal for separate operation of Northern mines while talks with the Southern operators proceeded. Both the Northern operators and Mr. Lewis expressed the view that the Government could help matters by stepping in a resumption of negotiations.

Another development bearing on the coal situation was an announcement by Secretary Ickes that 1940 soft coal production costs averaged 18 cents a ton below averages used by the Interior Department's bituminous coal division in fixing minimum prices.

In view of this, Secretary Ickes said it was "reasonable to expect" that proceedings preliminary to adjustments in the minimum price levels might be opened soon. Informally, it was suggested by others, (See STRIKES, Page A-3.)

Man Drowns in Leap From Fishing Boat

A pleasant fishing trip for four men on the Potomac River last night turned into tragedy for one, who jumped off the boat the men had rented when it was about 100 feet off shore near Key Bridge, according to police.

Two of the men, Julius Arden, 27, of 1010 Massachusetts avenue N.W., and Morris Goodman, 43, of 1008 C street N.W., said their companion, known to them only as "Amos," leaped into the river on their return trip to Crampton's Boat House, where the boat had been rented, and disappeared. They said they had rented the boat about 7:30 p.m.

The fourth man, whose name the others did not know, ran off as soon as the boat landed.

Harbor police grappled for the body but were unable to find it.

U. S.-Made Planes Rout Raiders, Cosgrave Says

By the Associated Press.

SAN PEDRO, Calif., April 19.—Lt. Col. Lawrence M. Cosgrave, Canadian trade commissioner to Australia, declared today that four-motored Consolidated bombers had sunk or driven out of action German commerce raiders operating in the far Pacific.

Col. Cosgrave arrived on the Matson-Oceanic liner Monterey, en route to Ottawa.